



Synopsis

Electronic Newsletter from WEDI SNIP

May 21, 2001

Comment on Modifications to Transactions Standards

X12N Seeking Comments on Modifications

The X12N Insurance subcommittee has opened a public comment period and invites your comments on suggested changes to the HIPAA Implementation Guides. To facilitate your comments, X12N has established an online conference discussion. To participate in the online conference and review and comment on the modifications go to: <http://www.wpc-edi.com/addenda>. This online conference will end on Friday, June 1, 2001.

When you access the discussion conference, you will need to register yourself and establish a user id and password. Once logged on, you will be able to join several online discussions that cover each modified HIPAA implementation guide, the Designated Standards Maintenance Organization (DSMO) change requests, and the approved change request summary. X12N asks that you please keep these discussions relative to the modifications and appealed change requests listed within the online conference.

Upcoming Events

Webcast: Transactions Business Issues

Thursday, May 31, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT

Are you looking for updates on the “hot topics” with which the WEDI SNIP Business Issues workgroup has been grappling for the past few months? Do you need to know what strategies industry experts are developing to resolve these contentious issues? Join a panel of industry experts in a webcast May 31 at 2:00 p.m. EDT to discuss key issues from two White Papers: Direct Data Entry and Data Code Sets Compliance. The primary authors of the White Papers will present a brief overview of their papers, engage in a discussion of the key issues with an industry panel, and address questions submitted by the audience. The webcast will also follow up on key issues that arose from the December audiocast on the 837 transaction.

Participants should review the [Direct Data Entry](#) and [Data Code Set Compliance](#) white papers prior to the webcast. Visit [WEDI SNIP website](#) on May 22 for more information, and visit the [online registration page](#) to register today.

SNIP Quarterly Forum

**June 19 - 20, 2001
Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Center
5 Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA 94111
415-788-1234**

Join WEDI SNIP in San Francisco on June 19-20 to hear and participate in discussions on the latest HIPAA implementation issues and implementation strategies. This interactive one and one-half day meeting will include discussions on the latest and hottest HIPAA implementation issues and will provide opportunities for interactive discussions with speakers. The meeting is scheduled to coordinate both in location and dates with the HIPAA Summit West (scheduled for June 21 –22). The meeting site is the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero; rooms are \$220/single/double. Call 415/788-1234 to reserve your room and be sure to request the WEDI SNIP room rate. Please [click here](#) for more details and registration information.

We hope the west coast location will make it easier for SNIP participants in the western areas to join us for this very important forum.

WEDI SNIP HIPAA Implementation Summit: Working Toward Solutions

**November 12 -14, 2001
Wyndham Orlando Resort
8001 International Drive
Orlando, FL
407/351-2420**

Mark your calendars for SNIP's fall summit focusing on options and approaches to solving HIPAA implementation challenges. This two and one half day conference will give you the information you need to determine your strategies to implement HIPAA regulations in your organization. Mark your calendars and save these dates for a truly valuable conference experience. Additional information and a registration form will be posted on the WEDI SNIP website, www.wedi.org/snip, in early June. We have reserved a special room rate of \$109 which is available for the November 8 – 18th time frame for those wishing to stay before and/or after the conference. Be sure to mention the WEDI SNIP Summit rate when you call and make your reservation no later than October 21.

Many Thanks

WEDI SNIP is truly grateful to the following companies for donating conference call lines for WEDI SNIP activities:

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Seimens
McKessonHBOC
Davis Wright Tremaine, LLC

White Papers Posted for Discussion

Impact on DDE Services

This paper discusses the impact of HIPAA's Transactions and Code Sets rule on the use of direct data entry (DDE) services such as web, character terminal and other on-line screen services offered by payers to providers. The paper clarifies the requirements for meeting full data content and identifies specific questions related to these services they have submitted to HHS for clarification. [Click here](#) to view the paper. We invite you to post your comments and reactions to the paper at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Data and Code Set Compliance

Data and Code Set Compliance is a white paper describing the business issues and recommended short and long term solutions associated with data and code set compliance. [Click here](#) to view the paper. You may post your comments at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Trading Partner Agreements

This white paper examines trading partner agreements and the business issues and recommended solutions arising from their implementation. [Click here](#) to view the paper. We invite you to post your comments and reactions to the paper at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Testing and Certification

Testing and Certification discusses the workgroup's recommended solutions associated with compliance certification of the HIPAA transactions. [Click here](#) to view the paper. You may post your comments at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Business-to-Business Transaction Set Testing

This white paper discusses the issues and options surrounding transaction set testing between business partners. [Click here](#) to view the paper. We invite you to post your comments and reactions to the paper at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

NDC Codes

This white paper gives a general overview and options associated with issues related to NDC codes replacing HCPCS drug codes. [Click here](#) to access the paper. You may post your comments at the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Security and Privacy White Papers

This collection of the white papers produced by the Security and Privacy workgroup includes the following topics: Awareness Training and Education; Audit Trail Clarification; Organizational Change Management; Certification – Accreditation; Vendor Technologies and Interdependencies; De-identification; Minimum Necessary; Notice, Consent and Authorization; Paper versus Electronic Records; Preemption; and an appendices listing Privacy rule definitions and an outline of the Privacy Rule in table format. [Click here](#) to access the papers.

Workgroup Activities

Security and Privacy

The Security and Privacy workgroup offers the following smaller workgroups for members interested in working on specific implementation issues:

- Awareness/Organizational Change Management
- Certifications
- Audit Trails
- Vendor Technologies and Interdependencies
- Pre-emption
- Minimal Necessary
- De-identify/Re-identify
- Notice vs. Patient Consent
- Electronic vs. Paper
- Policies and Procedures
- Access and Amendment

Transactions

The Transactions workgroup offers the opportunity to work within the following sub-workgroups:

- Sequencing
- Data Review
- Translations
- Testing
- Business Issues

Education and Awareness

The Education and Awareness workgroup invites participants to join its working groups that focus on the following areas:

- Website Design and Content
- State and Regional Implementation Efforts
- Marketing
- November Implementation Summit Conference

To join any of these workgroups, visit the WEDI SNIP website at www.wedi.org/snip and click on “Get Involved” or [click here](#).

Help Wanted!

Policies & Procedures Websites and White Paper

Attention: Dedicated web-crawler interested in surfing through HIPAA websites. A new SNIP workgroup is developing a white paper on Policies and Procedures and is looking for a few good volunteers to help them search the web and/or research the Privacy and Security resources. If you can help, contact Joan Boyle at joan.boyle@trizetto.com.